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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant attaches copies of the listed documents. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application, and this Information

Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notification.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of the Notification citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. A copy of the Notification is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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